

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
A B S T R A C T

BYE-ELECTIONS - Bye-Elections to 12 Assembly Constituencies in Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Medak & Warangal to be held on 27.07.2010 - Constitution of District Committees for monitoring Election expenditure of the Contesting Candidates - Orders - Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECS.D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 3354

Dated:06-07-2010  
Read the following :-

1. From E.C.I, Press Note No.ECI/PN/23/2010, dt.21.06.2010.
2. From E.C.I, Press Note No.ECI/PN/24/2010, dt.01.07.2010.
- 3) D.O. Lr.No. 29651/CT.I(1)/2010-1, dt: 29.06.2010 from Prl. Secretary, Revenue Department.
- 4) Lr.No.CCAP/30(A)/Estt./2010 dt: 02.07-2010 from Deputy Commissioner, Income Tax Deptt.

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O R D E R:-

The Election Commission of India is keen that we strengthen the existing administrative mechanism to monitor election expenditure being incurred by candidates and the political parties. The provisions contained in Sections 10A, 77, 78 and 127-A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 as well as Section 171-H and 171-I of Indian Penal Code, 1860 give the broad framework and mandate for ensuring that election expenditures are within reasonable limits. Currently, as per Rule 90 of the conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, the maximum limit of election expenses that a candidate can incur in any Assembly Constituency is Rs.10.00 Lakhs. In order to monitor this expenditure, the Election Commission has prescribed that a register of expenditure shall be maintained by each candidate from the date of his or her nomination as a candidate. This shall be inspected at least thrice during the election period by the Observer appointed by the Election Commission, the District Collector and the Returning Officer. A rate card of items usually used for political campaigns has already been prepared by the District Collectors & District Election Officers of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Medak & Warangal where Bye Elections to 12 Assembly Constituencies being held and this rate card will serve as a guide for assessing the estimated expenditure incurred by a candidate on public meetings, processions and advertisements etc. The rate cards is available on C.E.O's Website in "[www.ceoandhra.nic.in](http://www.ceoandhra.nic.in)".

2. It is felt that these existing systems can be further improved if a coordinated approach is followed by having a team of officers to assess the expenditure incurred on events as they occur rather than merely scrutinize the accounts and vouchers after the event is over.

3. Accordingly a District Election Expenditure monitoring Committee is constituted in each of the five districts with the following members where bye elections are scheduled to be held on 27.7.2010 namely Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak, Karimnagar and Warangal.

1.	Joint Collector	Chairman
2.	Additional Superintendent of Police	Member
3.	Deputy Commissioner (Commercial Tax)	Member
4.	Income Tax Officer nominated by Chief Commissioner, Income Tax, Hyderabad.	Member

4. The Committee will obtain get information on public meetings and processions allowed by the competent revenue and police authorities. The permissions issued by these authorities will be incorporating the information furnished by the candidate detailing the number vehicles proposed to be used,

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the expected number of guests attending the meeting etc. The Committee will make arrangements to cover these events and make an independent assessment of the costs incurred. They shall liaise with the district administration to get these events videographed.

5. The Committee shall submit a daily report to the D.E.O. and also help scrutinize the final account of election expenses lodged by the candidates after the election before D.E.O submits his report to the Election Commission under rule 89 of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961.

6. The District Election Officer & Collector and Superintendent of Police shall furnish to the Committee a copy of the permissions granted for campaign activities and the Committee will chalk out a programme of inspection and assessment by allocating responsibilities among the members. District Election Officer and Superintendent of Police will facilitate recording of events by attaching a videographer with each team.

7. The Committee will, interalia, look into cases of paid news and take action in accordance with the instructions of the Election Commission of India contained in Letter No.491/Media/2010, Dated:8<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

8. The Committee will follow the instructions of the Election Commission of India contained in letter No.464/INST/2008/EPS, dated 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 related to the measures to be taken on the 'dummy candidates' especially related to the expenditure incurred by a dummy candidate canvassing for another candidate.

9. The Collectors & District Election Officers of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal and Medak will facilitate the working of the Committee and periodically inform the political parties and the candidates about the Committee's observations.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

I.V.SUBBA RAO,  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER & E.O.  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Collectors & District Election Officers of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal and Medak Districts.

The Joint Collector of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal and Medak District.

The Additional Superintendent of Police of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal and Medak District.

The Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Tax of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal and Medak Districts.

The Income Tax Officer, Ward-I- Adilabad.

The Income Tax Officer, Ward-II-Nizamabad,

The Income Tax Officer, Ward-I, Sangareddy-Medak.

The Income Tax Officer, Ward-II – Warangal

The Income Tax Officer, Ward-II – Karimnagar.

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The Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Asoka Road, New Delhi – 100 001.

Copy to: The Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax(Headquarters) (Administrative I/c), Hyderabad)

The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Hyderabad.

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